#### Foreign Summary.

The average age of volunteers in the army is a little under twenty-five years. At the President's levee, Mrs. Lincoln wore a lace shawl, presented to her by A. T. Stewart, of New York, which cost \$2,500.

The Charleston fire has ruined all but one of the Insurance Companies of that city. A YARN -- Mrs Gov. Morgan, attending Gough's lectures at Albany, occupied a prominent sent and

next lecture all the women brought their knuting LAST OF THE MYSTIC WHALERS .- A few years ago. seventeen vessels builting from Mystic were engaged in the whale fishery. The Coriotanus, which was

recently condemned, is the last of the seventeen. Attorney General under President Buchanan, during the short period of his Union administration The U. S. Government has expended \$22,000,000

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE LETTER POSTAGE -It is stated that, as a means of raising additional revenue for the Post office Department, a bill will be introduce I in the House reducing the letter postage to two cents per half ounce, and providing for the free delivery of letters in the large cities.

average price was about \$16 a gun

The Empress Eagenie is now said to be the possessor of the largest of the pearls found near Paterson, New Jersey, during the Jersey pearl fishery excitement. It is valued at \$2,500, and is the most valuable gem of any description ever found on this continent. The Albion, an English paper published in New York, remarks, "The neutrality of the Lou on Times is all on one side; and to say nothing of the flagrant

vindictiveness and injustice of many of its remarks, they are in the worst conceivable taste." Beauregard, in his long delayed official report of the battle of Bull Run, puts down the total rebel loss at 1,862, and the total Union loss at 2,608. Of their losses, 269 were killed and 1,483 wounded. He says his forces engaged were 18,000 men and ours 35,000; but Gen. McDowell, in his official report, said we had but 18,000 engaged.

The New Orleans Delta lately said : "The safety of the whole South depends on the result of the battle at Columbus. This place once taken, there can be no effectual resistance at other points." Columbus has been evacuated without a battle, and the Della being authority, there can be no effectual resistance at Memphis or any other point.

Fort Henry was surrendered to Flag-officer Foote by Gen. Lloyd Tighlman. As he turned over the fort, Tighlman remarked, "I am glad to surrender to so gallant an officer" Flag-officer Foote replied, "You do perfectly right, sir, in surrendering; but you should have blown my boats out of the water before I would have surrendered to you."

When Thomas Francis Meagher was confirmed as Brigadier General of Volunteers, February 5th, be at once joined the Irish Brigade which is attached to Gen. Summer's division on the Petomac, and assumed command. The Brigade gave him a brilliant recep-tion, at which Gen. Shields was present, and being invited made a brief address.

DEATH OF AN OLD U. S. CONSUL TO HONOLULU .-There died at Boston, Mass, on the 1st December last, John C. Jones, formerly Consul of the United States at Honolulu, S. I., from 1820 to 1840, agest 65 years. Mr. Jones was well known in California, having married Dona Manuela Carrillo of Santa Barbara. For the last fifteen years he resided at

Mr. Charles Astor Bristad says, in Wilke's Spirit of the Times, that in 1852, in Paris, he bet another American gentleman \$1,000 that Louis Napoleon would not be living on the ninth anniversary of the insured Napoleon's lite in an American Company for the amount, by paying 24 per cent premium. On the 24 of last December the insurer won his bet.

SLAVE CONSPIRACIES -Nothwithstanding the most active exertious, the slaves are beginning to comprehend the cause of the war, and the part that their owners have assigned to them in their form of Goverument. There have been numerous slave conspiracies and insurrections in various parts of the South, and many of the conspirators have been hanged. The police regulations are rigid and vigilant; but nothwithstanding them, the greatest apprehensions prevail among the reflecting and intelligent with regard to the terrors of slave risings. A considerable number of slaves have escaped to the fleet and to Ship Island.

The New York Chamber of Commerce displayed the spirit of large patriotism which pervales the besoms of the merchants and capitalists of the Empire City. It was the occasion of their regular monthly meeting, but hearly the whole of their proceedings related to the affirs of the country. Among these procedings were two resolutions, one favoring the Legal Tender bill now before Congress, and the other pledging the merchants of New York to the sustent stion of the Government by all the means within their power, in giving credit and currency to the Govern-ment notes, until they can be placed on a specie basis by the imposition of taxes adequate for their redemption. Both of the resolutions were passed almost unanimously.

WHAT THE SOUTH SEES .- We see access to peace rendered more and more distant by the wondrously accumulating power of the Federal army and navy. We see the advance that was easy six months ago d fficult to-day, and likely to be impossible to morengine we lack everything, and the families of our obelient coldiers are suffering from the seeming fabulous prices they have to pay for everything of domestic use. We look to the future, and see nothing but war; ask ourselves, ask our readers, ask our rulers, why all looks darker and darker, as day follows day, and our vast armies prepare to rot in their camps, while mothers and sisters suffer from thier absence at home. - Memphis Argus.

One of the most unostentatious men in Washington (says a correspondent) is the President of the Senute. Mr. Hamlin has comparatively quiet quarters at the Washington House—a very respectable but not fash-ionable house. He dresses as plainly as a New England Farmer : his coat is of coarse cloth, mule by no eminent hand; but all concede him marked ability and a resolution and determination of a high order The next plainest man of rank is General George B. McClellan. Few men can find him, and few men know him when he is found. At best he only wears the undress uniform of a colonel, and his shoulder straps-if any he wears-are covered with a coat too much the worse for west. He has no fixed location, and moves from spot to spot as duty calls. Of course those who have business with him know where to find him. Not so the eager throng who wish to see the young shoulders on which the armor of Scott

Barrish Expenses -From a very useful publication, prepared by Mr. Henry Lloyd Morgan, public accountant, wherein is furnished an analysis of the public income and expenditure of Great Britain for the financial year ended the 31st of March last, we extract the following condensed summary of the expenditures. They will be found useful for reference : 

Annuities and pensions.

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THE ALLIED EUROPEAN POWERS, MEXICO AND THE United States.-There is a growing uneasiness in official circles, in reference to the complications which threaten to grow out of European intervention in Mexico. Such intervention in the political affairs of any part of this continent, it is very generally feared, must sooner or later draw the United States into collision with the intervening Powers. How it is to be brought about, or what precise shape or certainity. The American policy knewn as the Monroe Poetrine has undoubtedly become a fixed idea of
the American people. Though for years a dogma of
the American people. Though for years a dogma of
great value and variety, while the unworked

Par Reitich Senow Stoomers. form it will take nobody of course can foresee with the Democratic party only, the proposition that no European monarchy ought to be permitted to establish its relitical system alongside of us, to the exclusion of more popular forms of Government, is adopted by the people at large, and the Administra-tion of to day, as freely as it was maintained a few years ago by a single political school. It will be found, when prudence will admit of its publication. the fact will appear that Mr. Seward has protested against the proposed intervention, and intimated that if we do not make our protest more vigorous and effective at the present time it is only becau e we cannot consent to be diverted from the parameunt struggle at home. Our readers will remember that several months ago our columns presented the necessity of leing at hand ou our Southern border, to cheek and a soid complications with Europe out of the Mexican a cold complications with Europe out of the Mexical question, was foreshadowed as one of the political considerations leading the Government to issue its order for an expedition from California to Mexico. The unexpected delay in getting up the expedition destroyed some of its advantages, and led to the order sountermanding it. The plan, however, may be parious.—Bulletin

The Victory at Newbern, and the Cap- Inconsistencies of England-Her "Stone ture of Beaufort, N. C. The sudden disappearance of the enemy from their late lines south of the Potomac led many

thoughtful readers of the news to suspect that while enough would stand about Richmond to defend that center and capital of the Confederacy for a little season, the rest of their army would hasten down to the rear of Norfolk, and desperately essay to drive Burnside out of the Chowan, the Rounoke, and the waters of Albermarle Sound. This the demoralized troops might accept as a compromise between their clamor to return each regiment to its own wounded State and the imperious demand of Richmond that they stay knit all the evening on her soldier's sock. At the and fight for Virginia to the last, Burnside seems to have suspected this intention, and resting from his endeavors to cut the great railroads at Weldon and Gaston, determined to give them an ample field to operate on-to lengthen the line of attack from Currituck Sound to the Neuse, so that from full half the scaboard front The appointment of Hon. Edwin B Stanton as of North Carolina they might reasonably expect Secretary of War, gives general satisfaction. He was an attack, the hour that they rested on their arms, and from every creek have to sweep a gunboat or leave him victor. Suddenly, then, after being heard of last at Edenton, he appears off for fivearms since the beginning of the rebellion. The Newbern, and his troops win another glorious victory. All the regiments with him in this noble work will inscribe "Newbern" on their banners, and " in that sign, conquer." Newbern is a port of entry and while North

Carolina was a province, it was its capital. It is situated on the Neuse river, (which empties into the southern end of Pamlico Sound) 30 miles from its mouth and just above the point where the river Trent empties into it. At this point the Neuse is a mile wide. The Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, which at Goldsborough crosses nearly at right angles the Wimington and Weldon rallroad, (the only railroad that crosses the entire State north and south) runs through Newbern and thence along the right bank of the river until, when the Neuse bends northerly, it keeps straight on toward Beaufort. Burnside landed his three brigades, too impatient to wait for the boats to come to land, on Thursday evening, March 14th, in two hours time, 12 miles below Newbern, on the right bank of the Neuse. A dense fog hung over the water at the time, so thick that until Saturday morning, the fleet could take no hand in the heavy work that ensued. Early Friday morning, the march be-gan. The soldiers dragged their howitzers by hand along the swampy road that lies parallel to the railroad, and drenched with a heavy rain. After two hours' march they came upon a deserted camp, its fires still burning and breakfast untasted in the kettles. Passing on until within two (one account says six) miles of Newbern, they found an earthwork defense stretching from the river two miles across to the swamp on the south, and made stronger by an abattis of felled trees. The rebels who had retreated from the camp below, here had taken their stand, and, with the force already behind it, were supposed to count 10,000 men. The line of battle was formed to overcome this formidable obstacle. The first brigade,-all Massachusetts boys,-rushed in upon the left, a twenty-gun battery raining upon them grape, cannister and shell, and the infantry barassing them with an incessant fire, The second brigade, made up of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania troops, engaged their right, while the third brigade bore up steadily against the centre. Our ammunition

ailing the order was given to charge bayonet.

Then our men poured over the telled trees, over

the creeks that intercepted the road behind them.

Many took the cars that were at hand and started

off to Goldsborough, burning the bridges they crossed. Many were made prisoners. But Newbern was not yet taken. On Satur-day, the gunboats under Commodore Rowan, started up the river. They easliy w rked past the vessels that had been sunk in the channel, engaged and silenced the batteries on the north side of the river, and when the thick fog of Sunday morning (the 16th) lifted, steamed up alongside of and silenced Fort Thompson, which sported two columbiads, and then to Fort Eliis, which, after a brisk fight, they captured. Fort Love was all that was now left to the rebels on the river below Newbern. Here the enemy had prepared a lot of scows, filled with rosin and turp ntine, intending to tow them into the stream and set fire to them. But the scows stuck in the mud, and the illumination was not vouchsafed. The Fort Lovers tain ly opposed the new suitors for their position, and succumbed. A tew shells on the railroad depot, and a few at the town, brought out the white flags that the "invincible" rebels had in ready reserve, and Newbern was ours. The rebel soldiers thought to signalize their fight by burning the city, but to that the citizens said nay, only a few "whisky and tur-pentine distilleries" were consumed. There were not lacking Unionists to greet us as on that

Sunday afternoon our troops marched into New-Our losses in gaining this victory are great-90 killed, and from 300 to 400 wounded. But it was blood well spilled, for it all goes to cement perpetually the Union, and the brave men who shed it died as their comrades would wish to die. The enemy's loss is not stated. If it was not greater than ours, the more shame on them, for

scant losses tarnish the honor of the defenders of forts and entrenchments as defeats alone cannot. Burnside does not rest on his laurels. On Monday, after Newbern fell, he passed south-easterly to Beaufort, and took it. Fort Macon, on the point opposite the town, was blown up by the rebels and evacuated .- Bulletin.

THE OPENING OF MADAGASCAR TO EUROPEAN Exterprise. - Dr. Sandwith writes to the Times, sinting out the importance of taking advantage of the manifested good feeling of the new King of Madagascar towards the English. The particulars with regard to the King's invitation to the Governor of Mauritius and the dispatch of a congratulatory embassy thence, are already before our readers. The advantages to Mauritius and Bourbon of a friendly and liberal Sovereign at Madagascar are enormous, for hitherto the supplies of these islands, which produce almost nothing but sugar, have been derived from the distant continents of India, South Africa, Australia, and Europe, while little beyond tough beef has been imported from Madagascar. From Mr. Ellis's book we learn that ten turkeys can be purchased in the latter country for one dollar, while I can, from my personal knowledge, rough for the usual price of a turkey in the Mauritius being £3. Let us hope, then, that the tables of our rich little sugar colony may groan with cheap plenty. But to the scientific man and the naturalist this new country offers a field such as has not been opened since Captain Cook's discoveries. There exists in its forests and inland lakes animals which may create a greater sensation when discovered than even the gorilla, if, indeed, some rival monster are be not captured to astonish our citizens. We have already in the British Museum the cast of eggs as large, or larger, than the human head, the originals of which, taken from the bank of a Madagascar river, are now in a museum in Paris, indeed, some sanguine naturalists hope yet to discover in the island the original roc of the Arabian Nights. ' An entire order of animals, the lemurs, are only found in Madagascar, one variety of which, the aye-aye, is actually the aquadrumatous rodent, or monkey-beaver. The vegetable productions are marvellous in their beauty, among which may be mentioned the magnificent orchid Angracum sesquipedate and

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England has herself heretofore done or atempted to do a little " barbarism," as she styles it now, in the way of closing up harbors with stone. In Galignani's Messenger of January

17th, is the following from a correspondent: The Times of Saturday, in an elaborate article on the destruction of the port of Charleston by sinking bulks filled with blocks of granite on the bar, proceeds to charge it exclusively on the ferocity and vindictiveness of the American character, confidently demanding, "When has such an act been perpetrated by any European power?" to which the editor exultingly replies, This savage innovation has been left to republicans of our own day." On reading this unof patriotism could justify the suppression of a public denial of the statement. This deed of war, so justly reprobated by the Times, is not the first of its kind. Parental England set the atrocious example. On the evacuation of the city and port of Alexandria, and embarkation of the troops, in 1807, five vessels laden with stones were sunk in the narrow passage by which our squadron, under the command of Admiral Lewis, had entered, and then sailed, concluding that it would be the last exit of any vessel from that port-erroneously, however, as it has subsequenty appeared.

Let it not be forgotten, moreover, that the port of Savannah is even now, or was only nine years since, suffering from a stone fleet blockade on the part of England in 1779. The evidence is contained in the "Report of the (United States) Commission Appointed to examine Savan-nah River and Harbor," and made to the War Department, February 11, 1853. It is signed by "J. F. Gilmer, 1st Lieutenant of Engineers and Reporter," "A. H. Bowman, Captain of Engineers," and " A. D. Bache, Superintendent of United States Coast Survey," as Commission-

We quote from the report : "Ascending the river, (the Savannah) the next obstruction met with is 'Four-mile point bar,' composed of sand and mud; the depth of the channel here is also 10 feet at low tide. Above Four-mile Point the channel is deep until we come to the 'wrecks,' 15 miles above Tybee, and 2 miles below the City Exchange. They form the most serious impediment to the navigation of the lower river, reducing the channel to a depth of about 8 feet at mean low tide. The wrecks at this point were sunk during the Revolution (1779) by direction of the commander of the English forces, then in possession of Savannah, to block the entrance to the Front river, as a protection against the approach of the French and American fleets. So far as can be ascertained, the vessels sunk were the following: His Majesty's ship Rose, the Savannah armed ship, purchased into the King's service some time before, and four transports, which blocked up the channel." Even as late as 1853 a Congressional appropri-

in the Savannah river, at a place called the Wrecks, and the improvement of the navigation of said river, \$40,000." The modern doctrine in England is that as she has always been a miserable sinner, no precedent can properly be made of her wicked acts. She sins and repents, but warns the world against

her own example.-Bulletin.

ation was made " for the removal of obstructions

THE ENGLISH IRON-CLAD FRIGATES .- Four new iron-elad ships are building in England for the British navy: the Moniteur, Achilles, Captain and Northumberland. With the greatest possithe earthworks, into the entrenchments, fearless of ble haste it will be at least twenty months before death, and winning it or fame at every step. It was a desperate assault that the rebels cared not to they can be put affoat, and at least six months protract more than four hours. They then fled longer before they can be put in commission. like frightened sheep toward the city. Some had presence of mind enough to burn the bridges of with tonnage of 6,815. The iron coating is to be 54 inches thick, backed up with 10 inches of oak, and half an inch of iron inside all. These outer plates will weigh 2,000 tons for each vessel -an enormous mass for a ship to carry in addition to her ponderous engines, stores, guns, shot and shell. Each vessel is estimated to cost £600,000, or \$3,000,000. They are not only to be steam frigates but steam rams also, for their hows project beneath the water 20 feet in advance of the apparent bows above. They slope inwards from the water's edge at an incline of 1 foot in 84. The advantage is that shot will easily glance off, and the cargo will necessarily be nearer the center of the hold, and diminish the tendency of the vessel to roll. The armament for each is to be 36 100 pounder Armstrong guns on the main deck and 21 of the same on the spar-deck, with two 200 pourders in the bows and a rivot gun of the same size in the stern. They will thus be enabled at a single broadside to throw a ton and a balf of shot and shell to a distance of nearly five miles if necessary. The Warrior is 380 feet long, 58 feet broad, and 6.170 tonnage. Her plates are 44 inches thick and weigh 950 The inclination of her sides inward is 1 foot in 13. Two old English wooden ships are also being plated with iron, but all authorities agree that they cannot last over ten years.

THE ARMY TELEGRAPH.—The army telegraph now consists of over one thousand miles of wire stretched through the different camps, from the headquarters of General Hooker on the left, running towards the right wing till it reaches Hancock, Md .- One hundred and ten operators are now in the employ of the government. Mr. Eckert, the assistant superintendent in charge of this department, has run a separate line to the headquarters of each general commanding a

General McClellan can sit at the table in his private house, and talk to the different Generals, all at one time, and independent of one another. When any division moves, the line can also be extended, as each division has a corps of builders, and a supply of wire, poles and insulators always ready. In several divisions, each brigadier general has an instrument upon the line, and is in direct conference with his immediate Command-

ing General the whole time. Large wagons have been provided for the operators and their batteries to travel in, with sleeping apartments, tents, equipage and everything necessary, thus making the telegraphic department the most efficient and thorough branch in the whole army; and in connection with the balloon corps of Professor Lowe, will, should the army move, prove incalculable in detecting the operations of the enemy, and the prompt transmission of their movements to headquarters, and the conveyance of orders to different divisions and brigades. Effectual means have been taken to prevent accidents to the lines.

MANY FACTS IN SMALL COMPASS.—The number of languages spoken is 4,064. The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of human life is 33 years. Onequarter die before the age of seven, one-half before the age of seventeen. To every thousand persons one only reaches one hundred years, and not more than one in five hundred will reach eighty years. There are on the earth 1,000,000,-000 inhabitants. Of these 333,333,333 die every year, 91,824 die every day, 7,789 every hour, and 60 every miunte, or one every second. These losses are balanced by an equal number of births. The married are longer lived than the single, and above all, those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more charges of life previous to the age of 50 years than men, but fewer after. The number of marriages are in the proportion of 76 to 100. Marriages are more frequent after the equinoxes, that is during the months of June and December. Those born in spring are more robust than others. Births and deaths are more frequent by night than by day.

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